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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/300,482
Filed: April 28, 1999
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with the Phosphogluconate Pathway
Applicants: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.216

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1.17 are required in the present application, including any additional fees for extensions of time or excess claims, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.216. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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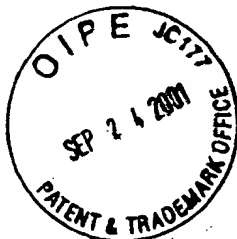
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